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SUBJECT: ALGERIA-TUNISIA BOUNDARY

1. THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN ALGERIA AND TUNISIA FROM THE MEDITERRANEAN TO BIR ROMANE WAS SURVEYED AND DEMARCATED BY FRANCO-TUNISIAN COMMISSIONS IN 1848, 1894, 1895, AND 1898. FINAL REPORTS OF THESE COMMISSIONS WERE APPROVED IN AN AGREEMENT OF 1901, SIGNED BY THE RESIDENT GENERAL OF TUNISIA ON SEPTEMBER 20 AND THE GOVERNOR GENERAL OF ALGERIA ON DECEMBER 1. COPIES OF THE FINAL REPORTS OF THE COMMISSIONS APPROVED IN THE 1901 AGREEMENT WOULD BE APPRECIATED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. INFORMATION ALSO IS NEEDED ON THE EXACT GEOGRAPHIC COORDINATES FOR BIR ROMANE, PUTS MORT, AND THE LIBYAN TRIPOINT. HAS ANY OF THE BOUNDARY BETWEEN BIR ROMANE AND THE LIBYAN TRIPOINT BEEN DEMARCATED BY PILLARS, AND WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE TRIPOINT TO PILLARS 221 AND 220 OF THE FRANCO-TURKISH DEMARCATION OF 1910-11? VANCE
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